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Ex parte TETSURO MOTOYAMA

Appeal No. 2003-0546 Application No. 09/192,583

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed March 24, 2003 (Paper No. 21) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR

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§§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellant of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such consideration of the IDS, appropriate notification to appellant, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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